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AMCONSUL KRAKOW

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SUBJECT: 35MM REPRESENTATIONAL FILM SHOWING - "THE STING"

1. APPROXIMATELY 450 INVITED GUESTS PACKED WARSAW'S "BAJKA" CINEMA ON NOVEMBER 14 FOR THE SPECIAL SHOWING OF "THE STING" HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR DAVIES. THE AUDIENCE INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND OF FOREIGN TRADE, MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, AND THREE HUNDRED OF WARSAW'S MOST PROMINENT CULTURAL AND INTELLECTUAL ELITE. A PROLONGED OVATION FILLED THE HALL AS THE FINAL CREDITS APPEARED ON THE SCREEN. UNANIMOUSLY POSITIVE COMMENTS WERE HEARD FROM POLISH GUESTS. THEY REPEATEDLY CITED THE "GREAT ACTING" BY THE FILM'S LEADS AND SUPPORTING CAST. "THE STING" DEMONSTRATED, ONE GUEST OBSERVED, THAT "THE UNITED STATES HAS THE BEST ACTING IN THE WORLD." SOMEWHAT REMARKABLY, THE DIALOGUE'S OFTEN BEWILDERING COLLOQUIALISMS DID NOT BOTHER MOST POLES IN THE AUDIENCE. THE SUPERB ACTING, POLISHED DIRECTORIAL STYLE, AND MOOD COMMUNIZATED BY THE FILM GAVE THE AUDIENCE A SENSE OF AMERICAN FILMMAKING AT ITS BEST. THE IPS SYNOPSIS OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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FILM, TRANSLATED INTO POLISH, ENHANCED AUDIENCE APPRECIATION

OF THE FILM. THE EMBASSY ALSO USED THE OCCASION TO DISTRIBUTE THE PAMPHLET ON THE GIEREK VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES, PRODUCED BY RPO AND THE EMBASSY.

2. THE REPRESENTATIONAL VALUE OF SUCH AN EMBASSY EVENT IS AMPLY ILLUSTRATED BY ONE IMMEDIATE SPIN OFF FROM THIS SHOWING. FOLLOWING THE SCREENING, THE EMBASSY'S ENTIRE ECONOMIC SECTION RECEIVED AN IMPROMPTU INVITATION TO THE APARTMENT OF A LEADING POLISH INDUSTRIALIST.

3. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE MPAA AND AGENCY COOPERATION IN MAKING AVAILABLE HIGH-QUALITY FILMS FOR REPRESENTATIONAL USE.

4. KRAKOW AND POZNAN SHOWINGS WILL BE REPORTED ON LATER.
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